

(38) The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Management Operations, Public Health Service, has redelegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, with authority to redelegate, the authority to certify true copies of any books, records, or other documents on file within the Food and Drug Administration, or extracts from such; to certify that true copies are true copies of the entire file of the Administration; to certify the complete original record or to certify the nonexistence of records on file within the Administration; and to cause the Seal of the Department to be affixed to such certifications and to agreements, awards, citations, diplomas, and similar documents.

(39) The Secretary of Health and Human Services has redelegated to the Commissioner, of Food and Drugs, under 45 CFR 5b.8 regulations, appeal authority to take final action upon an individual's appeal of a refusal to correct or amend the individual's record when the appeal has been made by the individual under Privacy Act regulations (part 21 of this chapter and 45 CFR part 5b). The authority may not be redelegated.

(b) The Chief Counsel of the Food and Drug Administration has been authorized to report apparent violations to the Department of Justice for the institution of criminal proceedings, under section 305 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 335), section 4 of the Federal Import Milk Act (21 U.S.C. 144), and section 9(b) of the Federal Caustic Poison Act.

#### **§ 5.11 Reservation of authority.**

(a) Notwithstanding provisions of § 5.10 or any previous delegations of authority to the contrary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) reserves the authority to approve regulations of the Food and Drug Administration, except regulations to which sections 556 and 557 of title 5 U.S.C. apply, which:

(1) Establish procedural rules applicable to a general class of foods, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, or other subjects of regulation; or

(2) Present highly significant public issues involving the quality, availability, marketability, or cost of one or

more foods, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, or other subjects of regulation.

(b) Nothing in this section precludes the Secretary from approving a regulation, or being notified in advance of an action, to which sections 556 and 557 of title 5 U.S.C. apply, which meets one of the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) This reservation of authority is intended only to improve the internal management of the Department of Health and Human Services, and it is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by a party against the United States, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, any agency, officer, or employee of the United States, or any person. Regulations issued by the Food and Drug Administration without the approval of the Secretary are to be conclusively viewed as falling outside the scope of this reservation of authority.

### **Subpart B—General Redelegations of Authority**

#### **§ 5.20 General redelegations of authority from the Commissioner to other officers of the Food and Drug Administration.**

(a) Final authority of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (Commissioner) is redelegated as set forth in these subparts. The Commissioner may continue to exercise all authority delegated in subparts B through L.

(b) The following officials are authorized to perform all of the functions of the Commissioner. These officials may not further redelegate this authority, or any part of this authority, except as elsewhere specified:

- (1) Deputy Commissioner;
- (2) Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs;
- (3) Senior Associate Commissioner;
- (4) Senior Associate Commissioner for Management and Systems;
- (5) Senior Associate Commissioner for Policy, Planning, and Legislation; and
- (6) Deputy Commissioner for International and Constituent Relations.

(c)(1) During the absence or disability of the Commissioner or in the event of